

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

A method of making a composite doctor blade is provided ~~that is suitable for use in the manufacture of paper, particularly for use in calenders.~~ The composite doctor blade includes multiple layers of composite material including a plurality of abrasive unidirectional fibers, in which a substantial proportion of the fibers are aligned in a direction substantially parallel to the long axis of the doctor blade. The unidirectional fibers are provided in a unidirectional fabric that includes, based on fabric weight, at least 60% by weight unidirectional fibers.